

Applicant hereby elects (without traverse) the species of Figs. 7 and 8, and including claims 1, 4 and 5 which are readable thereon.

The remaining Species 1 of Figs. 1-4 and species 2 Figs. 5 and 6 are withdrawn pending allowance of a claim generic to both species. Applicant reserves the right to file the withdrawn claims in divisional applications if such applications are to be filed. An action on the merits is requested.

This election is believed to place this case in condition for examination, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to provide an action on the merits.

In the event there are any further issues outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney for applicant at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that the accompanying Election of Species is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope address to: Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on April 16, 2002.

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